

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

Complete listing of claims:

Claim 1 (previously presented). A clear gel composition useful for skin care and protection comprising: 30% to 80% w/w actual Dead Sea water; a non-ionic solubilizer; a hydrophobic active agent; a gelling agent or viscosity modifier; and deionized water to complete to 100%.

Claim 2 (canceled).

Claim 3 (previously presented). The gel composition according to claim 1 wherein the solubilizer is selected from the group consisting of: POE 20 sorbitan monolaurate, polyethylene glycol ether of oleyl alcohol have 20 CH_2OCH_2 units, POE 20 sorbitan monooleate, polyethylene glycol ether of cetyl alcohol having 20 CH_2OCH_2 units, and PEG-hydrogenated castor oils-36, 40 and 60.

Claim 4 (previously presented). The gel composition according to claim 1 further comprising an antioxidant.

Claim 5 (previously presented). A clear gel composition comprising: 30.0% to 80% w/w actual Dead Sea water; 0.2% to 4.0% w/w non-ionic solubilizer; hydrophilic active agent in an amount greater than 0.0% but not to exceed 3.0% w/w; 0.7% to 1.2% w/w gelling agent; hydrophobic active agent in an amount greater than 0.0% but not to exceed 0.8% w/w; fragrance in an amount greater than 0.0% but not to exceed 0.4% w/w; 0.05% to 0.2% w/w antioxidant; and deionized water to complete to 100%.

Claim 6 (previously presented). The gel composition according to claim 4 wherein the antioxidant is selected from the group consisting of: butylated hydroxy anisole, butylated hydroxy toluene, tocopherol, and tetrasodium ethylenediamine tetra-acetic acid.

Claims 7-9 (canceled).

Claim 10 (previously presented). The gel composition according to claim 1 further comprising a hydrophilic active agent.

Claim 11 (canceled).

Claim 12 (previously presented). The gel composition according to claim 1 wherein the hydrophobic active agent is selected from the group consisting of: vegetable oils, free fatty acids, and vitamins.

Claim 13 (previously presented). The gel composition according to claim 10 wherein the hydrophilic active agent is selected from the group consisting of: humectants, α -hydroxy acids, anti-irritant agents, plant extracts, moisturizing agents and hydrolyzed plant proteins.

Claim 14 (canceled).

Claim 15 (previously presented). The gel composition according to claim 1 wherein the gelling agent or viscosity modifier is selected from the group consisting of: Guar gum, hydroxyethylcellulose, hydroxypropyl methylcellulose, methylcellulose, magnesium aluminum silicate, and xanthan gum.

Claim 16 (previously presented). The gel composition according to claim 1 further comprising a fragrance.

Claim 17 (previously presented). The gel composition according to claim 16 wherein the fragrance is a synthetic fragrance or an aromatic oil selected from the group consisting of: lavender oil, patchouli oil, and sandalwood oil.

Claim 18 (previously presented). The gel composition according to claim 5 wherein the hydrophobic active agent is selected from the group consisting of: vegetable oils, free fatty acids, and vitamins.

Claim 19 (previously presented). The gel composition according to claim 5 wherein the hydrophilic active agent is selected from the group consisting of: humectants, α -hydroxy acids, anti-irritant agents, plant extracts, moisturizing agents and hydrolyzed plant proteins.

Claim 20 (canceled).

Claim 21 (previously presented). The gel composition according to claim 5 wherein the gelling agent or viscosity modifier is selected from the group consisting of: Guar gum, hydroxyethylcellulose, hydroxypropyl methycellulose, methylcellulose, magnesium aluminum silicate, and xanthan gum.

Claim 22 (previously presented). The gel composition according claim 5 wherein the fragrance is a synthetic fragrance or an aromatic oil selected from the group consisting of: lavender oil, patchouli oil, and sandalwood oil.

Claim 23 (previously presented). The gel composition according to claim 5 wherein the solubilizer is selected from the group consisting of: POE 20 sorbitan monolaurate, polyethylene glycol ether of oleyl alcohol having 20 CH_2OCH_2 units, POE 20 sorbitan monooleate, polyethylene glycol ether of cetyl alcohol having 20 CH_2OCH_2 units, and PEG-hydrogenated castor oils-36, 40 and 60.

Claims 24 (previously presented). The gel composition according to claim 5 wherein the antioxidant is selected from the group consisting of: butylated hydroxy anisole, butylated hydroxy toluene, tocopherol, and tetrasodium ethylenediamine tetra-acetic acid.

Claims 25-31 (canceled).